GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service – Revenue Department – Departmental proceedings against Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 543 Dated: 09-06-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Rc.No.92/RCO-VSK/2023-S.12, Dated: 06.11.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.189, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:09.06.2025.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District, on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

3. Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above, further actions will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Attention of Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Srikakulam District.
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KOPPALA BALAKRISHNA, DY. TAHSILDAR, O/o TAHSILDAR, KOTHURU MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN CR.NO. 08/RCO-ACB/SKL/2023 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

That Sri Koppala Balakrishna, S/o Narayana Rao, joined as Government Servant in Education Department as Secondary Grade Teacher on 06.11.2010 and later selected in Group-II as Dy. Tahsildar and posted at Collector office, Srikakulam on 20.04.2018 and transferred as DT (CS) at Tahsildar office, Pathapatnam on 30.04.2018 and further transferred to Tahsildar office, Kothuru and worked there from 16.07.2019 to 24.01.2020 and as such he committed the following grave misconduct in as much as;-

Article-1:-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy. Tahsildar O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to account for the personal cash in possession of Rs.21,399/- on the date of surprise check.

Article-2:-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy. Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to sign in the attendance register since 01.01.2020 to 21.01.2020 and signed on 22.01.2020 and 23.01.2020 only. The maintenance of the attendance register is very poor.

Article-3:-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy. Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to distribute 720 Original Colour PVC Election Photo Identity Cards to the voters which were supplied in March, 2019 belonging to various villages of Kothuru Mandal, which were meant for distributing to the voters.

Article-4:-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy. Tahsildar O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to look after the proper functioning of the Mee-seva issues, rejected the Mee-seva applications without any proper cause and kept 105 Mee-seva applications pending beyond SLA period.

Thus Sri Koppala Balakrishna, Dy. Tahsildar O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3(1), (2), & 3-B (b) of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MIS-BEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KOPPALA BALAKRISHNA, DY. TAHSILDAR, O/o TAHSILDAR, KOTHURU MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN CR.NO. 08/RCO-ACB/SKL/2023 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

That Sri Koppala Balakrishna, S/o Narayana Rao, joined as Government Servant in Education Department as Secondary Grade Teacher on 06.11.2010 and later selected in Group-II as Dy.Tahsildar in Revenue Department and posted at Collector office, Srikakulam on 20.04.2018 and transferred as DT(CS) at Tahsildar office, Pathapatnam on 30.04.2018 and posted to Tahsildar office, Kothuru, as such he worked there from 16.07.2019 to 24.01.2020. His date of birth is 03.06.1987. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2049. He is here-in-after called as Government Servant.

CHARGE -1:-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy. Tahsildar O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to account for the personal cash in possession of Rs.21,399/- on the date of surprise check.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:-

Basing on the allegations that the Revenue officials of Kothuru Mandal of Srikakulam District are collecting bribes from public for various works, committed so many irregularities in processing the applications of the public for various services and also in maintenance of registers. On that the ACB officials of Srikakulam Range conducted Surprise Check on the O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru, Srikakulam District on 24.01.2020 from 11:45 hrs to 21:00 hours in the presence of official mediators namely (1) Sri Chintada Tirumala Rao, S/o late Ramanujam, age 53 years, Head Master, Z.P. High School, Ippili, Srikakulam Mandal, Srikakulam District. R/o Plot No. 14, Venkateswara Nagar, Visakha-A Colony, Srikakulam Town and (2) Sri Valla Satyanarayana, S/o Kannayya, age 49 years, School Asst., (Biological Sciences), Z.P. High School, Ippili, Srikakulam Mandal, Srikakulam District. R/o Door No. 7-3-6/1, Saibula Thota, Srikakulam Town and later the surprise check was converted into RCO case.

During the course of surprise check, on the instructions of the DSP, ACB, all the staff members produced the cash being carried by them, and the Government Servant produced the cash of Rs.51,099/-.

Then the DSP, ACB questioned the Tahsildar, Kothuru to produce the Personal Cash Declaration Register and personal cash declared in the register by the staff, she replied that they are not maintaining the Personal Cash Declaration Register.

Then the DSP, ACB questioned the Government Servant to have such huge amount, on that he claimed that an amount of Rs.1,84,900/- was sanctioned to their office for transportation of ECs from FP shop to Door steps of card holders,

printing charges DKR & Hamali charges for the month of January, 2020 by the District Collector (CS), Srikakulam through proceedings Rc. No. 439/2019/S7 dated 30.12.2019 and an amount of Rs.12,400/- for 5 ration dealers is to be disbursed, Rs.10,300/- towards additional expenditure towards head weight charges and transportation and Rs.7,000/- towards printing charges of DKR is to be disbursed and thus an amount of Rs.29,700/- is to be disbursed and so saying he produced a copy of the proceedings of the District Collector, Srikakulam and original list of acknowledgments of the ration shops dealers and he further claimed that he brought an amount of Rs.20,000/- from his residence to pay towards the expenses of "Sankranthi Sambaralu" performed on 13.01.2020 as per the instructions of the Collector Office, Srikakulam but could not produce any documentary proof in support of his claim with regard to the excess amount of Rs.21,399/-. The DSP seized the copy of the proceedings of the District Collector and original acknowledgment of ration shop dealers produced by the Dy. Tahsildar duly attested by mediators and him for the purpose of enquiry.

During the enquiry, examined Sri Gorle Phalguna Rao, S/o late Rangadu, 60 yrs, Mathala Village, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District he stated that he is having lands at his village and to survey the said lands and to get the land survey report, he met the Dy Tahsildar Sri K.Balakrishna at the Tahsildar office on 23.01.2020 and on the demand of the accused officer, he gave an amount of Rs 10,000/- as bribe to get his work done and etc facts.

During the enquiry, examined Sri Andhavarapu Bhaskara Rao, S/o lakshmana, 47 yrs, Ponnuturu Village, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam Dist and he stated that he met the Dy Tahsildar Sri K.Balakrishna at the Tahsildar office on 23.01.2020, and on the demand of the accused officer, he gave an amount of Rs 5,000/- as bribe to Sri K.Balakrishna, Dy Tahsildar to get the pattadar passbook in his name for the lands situated in his village, subsequently his pattadar pass book was received after the surprise check from the revenue officials of Kotturu Tahsildar Office.

During the investigation, addressed a letter to the Branch Manager, SBI, Pathapatnam with regard to furnish the details of the bank account statement of Sri K.Balakrishna, Dy Tahsildar. Accordingly the Branch Manager, Pathapatnam furnished the account statement of Sri K.Balakrishna, Dy. Tahsildar vide account No. 031472529694 from 01.01.2020 to 24.01.2020 and on perusal of the Bank account statement of Government Servant, there is no withdrawals were found in the account statement prior to the Surprise Check or on the day of Surprise check.

During the investigation, on a letter addressed, Sri M.Chakravarthy, Tahsildar (FAC), Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District furnished all the information i.e., original bills and other information pertaining to the Sankaranthi Sambaralu-2020 performed in the Kothuru Mandal vide his letter RC No 181/2023/A dt 21-08-2023 of the Tahsildar, Kothuru and further stated that the amount that was incurred towards the Sankranthi Sambaralu-2020 is not yet sanctioned by the Government as on date and etc. facts.

The above oral and documentary evidence are proved that the Government Servant failed to account for the personal cash in possession of Rs.21,399/- on the

date of surprise check. Hence, the charge against the Government Servant is held substantiated.

CHARGE -2:-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy.Tahsildar O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to sign in the attendance register since 01.01.2020 to 21.01.2020 and signed on 22.01.2020 and 23.01.2020 only. The maintenance of the attendance register is very poor.

FACTS IN EVIDENCE:-

During the course of surprise check conducted on the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru in the presence of official mediators, it is identified that the attendance register is being maintained from 01.01.2020. On perusal of the attendance register, the Government Servant did not sign in the register since 01.01.2020 to 21.01.2020 and signed on 22.01.2020 and 23.01.2020 only. The maintenance of the attendance register is very poor and the staffs were not marking their signatures in the attendance register regularly. The DSP, ACB seized the attendance register duly attested by mediators and him for the purpose of enquiry.

As per the G.O.Ms.No.3 Rev (Serv-III) Dept. Dt 05.01.1990 of Govt.of A.P.Hyd., the Dy. Tahsildar of concerned Tahsildar office has to maintain records and record room. As per the office order of the Tahsildar, Kothuru Vide Rc. No 01/2019/B dt. 09-01-2020, Dy. Tahsildar will supervision on the maintenance of records. But the maintenance of the Attendance register is very poor and he himself not signed in the register since 01.01.2020 to 21.01.2020.

On examination of Sri B. Nagaraju, Divisional Administrative officer, O/o Sub Collector, Tekkali, stated that the maintenance of the records is poor in the Tahsildar office, Kothuru and the Dy Tahsildar has the responsibility in the maintenance of the records and the Dy Tahsildar himself not signed in the attendance register.

The above oral and documentary evidence are proved that the Government Servant failed to sign in the attendance register since 01.01.2020 to 21.01.2020 and signed on 22.01.2020 and 23.01.2020 only. The maintenance of the attendance register is very poor. Hence, the charge against the Government Servant is held substantiated.

CHARGE -3:-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy. Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to distribute 720 Original Colour PVC Election Photo Identity Cards to the voters which were supplied in March, 2019 belonging to various villages of Kothuru Mandal, which were meant for distributing to the voters.

FACTS IN EVIDENCE:-

During the course of surprise check, on searching the room of the Government Servant, as many as 720 Original Colour PVC Election Photo Identity Cards were found which were issued in March, 2019 belonging to various villages of Kothuru Mandal, which were meant for distributing to the voters but undisbursed to voters and the same were handed over to the Tahsildar, Kothuru with a request to distribute the same to the concerned voters duly obtaining proper acknowledgment from the Tahsildar.

The Tahsildar, Kothuru through her letter Rc No.55/2020, A dated.26-02-2020 furnished information that, it is the responsibility of the Dy. Tahsildar (elections) for distribution of the EPIC cards. But Sri K.Bala Krishna, Dy. Tahsildar & i/c Elections D.T O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru who is responsible for distribution of the EPIC cards, failed to distribute the same.

On examination Sri B.Nagaraju, Divisional Administrative officer, O/o Sub Collector, Tekkali, stated that it is the responsibility of the Dy. Tahsildar (elections) for distribution of the EPIC cards in the Tahsildar Office.

The above oral and documentary evidence are proved that the Government Servant failed to distribute 720 Original Colour PVC Election Photo Identity Cards to the voters which were supplied in March, 2019 belonging to various villages of Kothuru Mandal, which were meant for distributing to the voters. Hence, the charge against the Government Servant is held substantiated.

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That the Government Servant while working as Dy.Tahsildar O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to look after the proper functioning of the Mee-seva issues, rejected the Mee-seva applications without any proper cause and kept 105 Mee-seva applications pending beyond SLA period.

FACTS IN EVIDENCE:-

During the course of surprise check, conducted on the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru in the presence of official mediator's, the DSP, ACB questioned about the receipt of Mee-seva applications received in their office since 01.07.2019 to 23.01.2020, stage of the applications and maintenance of registers regarding Mee-seva applications. Accordingly, Smt. P.Bala, Tahsildar with the help of Sri V. Hemanth Kumar, Outsourcing Data Entry Operator (Elections), O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru took print outs of the list of applications received through Mee-seva in their office since 01.07.2019. On perusal of the lists, it is revealed the following facts:

Sl. No	No. applications /requests received	No. of applications / requests approved	No. of applications/ requests rejected	No. of application/requests pending within SLA (Service Level	Lapsing in SLA in 24 Hours	Pending beyond SLA

				Agreement)		
1	12,478	9,133	2,964	265	0	105

The DSP, ACB requested the Tahsildar, Kothuru to provide the list of applications rejected and list of applications pending beyond SLA (Service Level Agreement) and accordingly Smt. P. Bala, Tahsildar, Kothuru got printouts of the lists and handed over to the DSP, ACB.

On perusal of the lists, it is established that the following number applications for various services were rejected for various reasons.

Sl. No.	Name of service	No. applications /requests received	No. of applications/ requests approved	No. of applications/ requests rejected	No. of application/ requests pending within SLA (Service Level Agreement)	Lapsing in SLA in 24 Hours	Pending beyond SLA
1.	Current	1	0	1	0	0	0
2.	Mutation and Title Deed cum	2783	665	1984	41	0	93
3.	Income	82	47	35	0	0	0
4.	Issuance of Income and assets certificates for	66	55	11	0	0	0
5.	Integrated Certificate	6652	5986	471	93	0	0
6.	OBC	369	300	63	5	0	1
7.	Family Member	154	81	62	11	0	0
8.	Corrections in Adangal	1722	1434	202	86	0	0
9.	Late Registratio	14	0	0	11	0	3
10.	e-Passbook replacemen	221	161	52	5	0	3
11.	Possession certificate	11	0	11	0	0	0
12.	Ration card modificatio	200	183	2	2	0	2
13.	Ration card transfer	20	7	13	0	0	0
14.	Deletion of member in ration card	48	40	8	0	0	0
15.	Surrender of ration	5	1	3	0	0	1

16.	Ration card member addition	122	88	34	0	0	0
17.	F-line application	86	75	0	0	0	2

Then the DSP, ACB questioned about the reasons for rejection of huge number of applications, the Tahsildar and the Dy.Tashildar kept quiet and on repeated questioning by the DSP, they gave provocative answers. The DSP, ACB got the above lists into a made up file and seized duly attested by mediators, the Tahsildar and the DSP for the purpose of enquiry.

Further 20 Mee-seva applications relating to Nivagam revenue cluster were found in an aluminium box belonging to Sri Rajagopala Rao, VRO of Nivagam revenue cluster. On verification, it is found that only three applications were approved, 17 were rejected without showing certain reasons. The DSP got Photostat copies of the applications and seized them duly attested by him and the mediators.

On verification of the above 20 Mee-seva applications relating to Nivagam revenue cluster in Mee-seva web site, the following information is revealed:

MEE SEVA APPLICATIONS STATUS

Sl. No.	Application Number	Date of submission of Application in Mee-seva	Period of time for approve/reject	Applications status	Date of approved/ Rejected	Total number of Days taken for approval/ rejection
1	RMU 0111903463250	11.11.2019	30 Days	Rejected	23.12.2019	36
2	RMU 011903130623	06.10.2019	30 Days	Rejected	19.11.2019	34
3	NMU 011903236665	19.10.2019	30 Days	Rejected	28.12.2019	55
4	NMU 011903236716	19.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	09.12.2019	41
5	NMU 011903389057	2.11.2019	30 days	Rejected	12.12.2019	33
6	NMU 011903388904	2.11.2019	30 days	Rejected	11.12.2019	32
7	RMU 0011903268680	22.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	27.12.2019	55
8	NMU 011903245162	20.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	27.12.2019	53
9	NMU 011903245365	20.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	24.11.201	54

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10	NMU 011903245099	20.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	12.12.2019	45
11	NMU 011903245062	20.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	12.12.2019	45
12	RMU 011902663557	13.08.2019	30 days	Rejected	20.11.2019	76
13	RMU 011902708064	17.08.2019	30 days	Rejected	19.11.2019	71
14	TAADLC 012006792504	02.01.2020	15 days	Approved	12.02.2020	31
15	TAADLC 012006797122	22.01.2020	15 days	Approved	12.02.2020	18
16	TAADLC 011906603133	23.11.2019	15 days	Approved	18.12.2019	21
17	RMU 011903213570	17.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	12.12.2019	48
18	RMU 011903214401	17.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	12.12.2019	48
19	RMU 011903463982	11.11.2019	30 days	Rejected	23.12.2019	36
20	RMU 011903239269	19.10.2019	30 days	Rejected	09.12.2019	43

Of the above information it is clearly established that all the Mee- Seva applications were neither rejected nor approved within the S.L.A. period. It shows the irregularity in processing the Mee-seva applications.

According to the Rule 3-B(b) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules ,1964 “No Government Servant shall in his official dealings with the public or otherwise adopt dilatory tactics or wilfully cause delays in disposal of the work assigned to him.

The District Collector, Srikakulam through his letter vide RC.No. 418/2020, A.2. dt 17/02/2020 & dt 04.03.2020 coupled with information provided by the Tahsildar, Kothuru in RC No. 55/2020,A, dt. 26.2.2020 and as per G.O.Ms.No.3 Rev (Serv-III) Dept., Dt 05.01.1990 of Govt.of A.P.Hyd., the Tahsildar and the Dy. Tahsildar of concerned Tahsildar office has general control and supervision over the Mandal Revenue Inspectors, Village Assistants, Village Servants and other subordinate special staff working at Mandal level and as per the G.O.Ms No 463 of Revenue(SER.II) Department dated 07.12.2015 of Govt.of A.P, the Dy Tahsildar has to monitor the Mee-seva applications as per scheduled time limit.

On examination of Sri B. Nagaraju, Administrative officer, O/o Sub Collector, Tekkali, stated that it is the responsibility of the Dy Tahsildar to look after the functioning of the Mee-Seva issues in the Tahsildar Office.

But during the course of surprise check, it is identified that Sri K. Bala Krishna, Dy. Tahsildar has failed to look after the proper functioning of the Mee-

seva issues, rejected the Mee-seva Applications without any proper cause and kept 105 Mee-seva applications pending beyond SLA period.

The above oral and documentary evidence are proved that the Government Servant failed to look after the proper functioning of the Mee-seva issues, rejected the Mee-seva Applications without any proper cause and kept 105 Mee-seva applications pending beyond SLA period. Hence, the charge against the Government Servant is held substantiated.

Thus, the Govt. Servant Sri Koppala Bala Krishna, Dy. Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated the Rule 3(1), (2) & 3-B (b) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Govt. Servant Sri Koppala Bala Krishna, Dy. Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District has rendered himself liable for departmental action under Rule 3(1), (2) & 3-B (b) of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. **Sri B.V.S.S.Ramana Murthy, Dy.Supdt of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam Range.**

He speaks about receiving of reliable information and conducting the surprise check on the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru on 24.01.2020 vide 02/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 of ACB, Srikakulam Range and seizure of unaccounted amount of Rs.21,399/- from the possession of Government Servant and other irregularities and seizure of documents etc., facts.

2. **Sri Gorle Phalguna Rao, S/o late Rangadu, 60 yrs, Mathala Village, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District.**

He stated that he is having lands at his village and to survey the said lands and to get the land survey report, he met the Dy Tahsildar Sri K.Balakrishna at the Tahsildar office on 23.01.2020 and on the demand of the accused officer, he gave an amount of Rs 10,000/- as bribe to get his work done and etc facts.

3. **Sri Andhavarapu Bhaskara Rao, S/o lakshmana, 47 yrs, Ponnuturu Village, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam Dist:-**

He stated that he met the Dy.Tahsildar Sri K.Balakrishna at the Tahsildar office on 23.01.2020, and on the demand of the accused officer, he gave an amount of Rs 5,000/- as bribe to Sri K.Balakrishna, Dy Tahsildar to get the pattadar passbook in his name for the lands situated in his village, subsequently his pattadar pass book was received after the surprise check from the revenue officials of Kotturu Tahsildar Office.

4. Sri Batchu Rajeswara Rao, Superintendent, A-Section, Collector Office, Srikakulam:-

He Speaks about the procedural aspects with regard to the functioning of the Tahsildar office on different aspects and furnishing the information vide RC No 418/2020, A2 dt.17/02/2020, dt 04-03-2020 of Collector's office, Srikakulam and etc., facts.

5. Smt. Yeluchuri Jayalaxmi, Superintendent, C-Section, Collector Office, Srikakulam.

She speaks about furnishing the information vide RC No 1070/2019 C2 dt 26-02-2020 of Collector's office, Srikakulam and speaks about the procedural aspects with regard to handing over of EPIC voter cards and etc., facts.

6. Sri Parivella Shekhar, S/o Papayya Panthulu (late), Administrative officer, Mee-seva, Collector Office, Srikakulam:-

He speaks about furnishing the information about the procedural aspects in process of Mee-seva applications by the Mee-seva operators through his office vide RC No 01/2020/A.O.Mee-seva dt. 09/03/2020 of Collector's office, Srikakulam and etc., facts.

7. The Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Pathapatnam:

He stated about furnishing the bank account statement of Government Servant vide account No. 031472529694 which showed that the Government Servant did not draw cash from his bank account on 24.01.2020 or prior to the date of surprise check and etc., facts.

8. Sri Boddapalli Nagaraju, S/o Ganalu, aged 52 yrs, Divisional Administrative Officer O/o Sub-Collectors' office, Tekkali, Srikakulam District.

He speaks about that, he been working as Divisional Administrative Officer, at the O/o Sub-Collectors' office, Tekkali in Srikakulam District from 01.02.2024. He has looked after administration in Sub-Collectors' office. On 28.02.2024, he was examined by the ACB officials regarding the Surprise Check conducted at the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal on 24.01.2020 on the allegation of collecting bribes from public for various works, committing so many irregularities in processing the applications of the public for various services and in maintenance of registers and he speak about the procedural aspects and etc facts.

9. Sri M.Chakravarthy, Tahsildar (FAC), Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District:-

He stated that on the requisition of the ACB officials, he furnished all the information i.e original bills and other information pertaining to the Sankaranthi Sambaralu-2020 performed in the Kothuru Mandal vide his letter RC No 181/2023/A dt 21-08-2023 of the Tahsildar, Kothuru and further stated that the amount that was incurred towards the Sankranthi Sambaralu-2020 is not yet sanctioned by the Government as on date and etc facts.

10.Sri Chintada Tirumala Rao, S/o late Ramanujam, age 53 years, Head Master, Z.P. High School, Ippili, Srikakulam Mandal, Srikakulam District. R/o Plot No. 14, Venkateswara Nagar, Visakha-A Colony, Srikakulam Town:

11.Sri Valla Satyanarayana, S/o Kannayya, age 49 years, School Asst., (Biological Sciences), Z.P. High School, Ippili, Srikakulam Mandal, Srikakulam District. R/o Door No. 7-3-6/1, Saibula Thota, Srikakulam Town:

Witnesses 10 and 11 are the mediators who were present at the time of surprise check conducted on the office of the Tahsildar, Kothuru on 24.01.2020. They stated about the seizure of unaccounted amount of Rs. Rs.21,399/- from the possession of Government Servant and connected records from the office and the contents of the surprise check proceedings dated 24.01.2020 etc facts.

12.Smt P.Bala, Tahsildar, Kothuru.

She speaks about the furnishing the information vide RC.No.55/2020,A dt 26-02-2020 of Tahsildar, Kothuru.

13. Sri K. Bhaskara Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range.

He speaks about participating in the surprise check on 24.01.2020 vide 02/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 of ACB, Srikakulam Range and conducting of further enquiry and submission of detailed report to the DG, ACB, AP on 25.06.2022 and after receipt of memo vide SC.No. 36/DES-VSK/2020-S.12 dated 11.07.2023 from DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada and registration of the case as RCO and investigation and submission of DFR and etc, facts.

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ANNEXURE-IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

1. FIR along with occurrence report.

It proved that the Government servant is having un accounted cash of Rs.21,399/- on the day of surprise check.

2. Surprise Check Proceedings in 02/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 Dated 24.01.2020:-

It revealed the seizure of unaccounted cash of Rs. 21,399/- on the day of surprise check from the possession of the Government Servant and seizure of made-up files from the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru on 24.01.2020 in 02/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 of ACB, Srikakulam Range. The mediators had drafted proceedings to that effect at the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru from 11:45 hrs to 21:00 hrs.

3. **Copies of 16 registers** which were seized from the office of the Government servant during the course of surprise check on 24.01.2020.

These files revealed that the poor maintenance of records in the office of Govt. Servant and he is the competent in the cadre of Dy. Tahsildar cum superintendent in the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru on the day of Surprise check on 24.01.2020.

4. **RC.No.418/2020, A2 dt 17/02/2020, dt 04-03-2020 and RC No 1070/2019 C2 dt 26-02-2020 of District Collector, Srikakulam**: It shows the procedural aspects, service particulars of the employees of the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru and other information and etc, facts.

5. **RC No.55/2020,A dt 26-02-2020 of Tahsildar, Kothuru**: It shows the procedural aspects, service particulars of the employees of the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru and other information and etc, facts.

6. **RC No.01/2020/A.O.Mee-seva dt. 09/03/2020 of Collector's office, Srikakulam**:- It shows the procedural aspects with regard to process of Mee-seva applications by the Mee-seva operators.

7. RC No 181/2023/A dt 21-08-2023 of the Tahsildar, Kothuru: It shows the file relating to Sankranthi Sambaralu performed in the year 2020 in the O/o Tahsildar office, Kothuru, and an amount of Rs 28,400/- was incurred towards the expenditure for conducting Sankarnthi Sambaralu at Kotturu Mandal and other information.

8. Letter Nil. dated 20.01.2024 of the Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Pathapatnam along with the bank account statement of Government servant:

It reveals that the Government servant did not draw cash from his bank account No. 031472529694 on 24.01.2020 i.e., on the date of surprise check or

prior to the date of surprise check during the month of January-2020 and etc., facts

10. Copies of statements of witnesses 1,2,3,4,5,6,8 and 9 of Annexure III of DAC's.

11. Any further document is required, it will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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